

assessments go to fund their Victim Programs and they also have a \$100 fine on all drunk driving convictions which goes to their Crime Compensation Fund. I hope you look at these various states, our neighbor states. Kansas has some of the highest court costs and their particular surcharge for Victim's Compensation and Reparations is \$2.00, as ours. The last part of the book, of course, is the letters of support from various organizations, including the County Attorney, Lancaster County; Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime; the NCLU; the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association; and the Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards. You can hear the statistics, every year 6 million Americans are victims of violent crime. One-half of all Americans will be the victim of a violent crime during their lifetime. One woman in 12 will be raped. In America today, there is a murder every 28 minutes, a rape every four minutes, a robbery every 32 seconds, an auto theft every 25 seconds, an assault every seven seconds, a burglary every six seconds, a household theft every four seconds and a personal theft every two seconds. But crime is more than statistics and behind everyone of these numbers are victims, young and old, black and white, men and women, when criminals strike, people suffer. Because the state has a responsibility for a law enforcement in this country and for the safety of our citizens on its street, we also then have taken upon us that those county attorneys are truly the victims' attorneys and that we assist them in these volunteer programs of Victim Assistance and when all else fails that victim can be compensated by the Victim Compensation Board when everything else is unavailable. But how do we fund this? Usually victims are the last to come on board, as I say, '78 was the first that they were even considered, and they were the first to be cut in our budget cuts. LB 888 will provide a consistent funding and a responsible funding, funding indeed by those who commit crimes and one that is appropriate. With that, I urge that you advance LB 888.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, you have a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Pirsch would have the option of laying the bill over.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers...or Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I would like to take it up, uh-huh.